

REMARKS

By this amendment Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 2 and cancelled claim 2. Since claim 2 was said to be allowable if rewritten in independent form, claim 1 is now allowable. Claims 3 through 7 and 10 depend from amended claim 1 and are also allowable.

Claim 8 has been rewritten in independent form. The Examiner said that if so rewritten the claim is allowable. Claim 9 depends from claim 8 and is also allowable.

Applicants have also amended claim 15 to include the limitations of claim 16 and cancelled claim 16. Since claim 16 was said to be allowable if rewritten in independent form, claim 15 is now allowable. Claims 17 through 21 and 24 depend from claim 15 and are allowable.

Claims 11, 13, 14 and 25 are allowed.

Claim 22 has been rewritten in independent form. The Examiner said that if so rewritten the claim is allowable. Claim 23 depends from claim 22 and is also allowable.

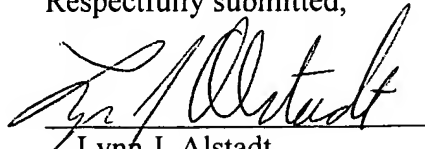
By this Amendment Applicants have rewritten those claims in independent form which the Examiner said would be allowable if so written. The rejected claims have been cancelled or now depend from allowable parent claims. For this reason, the Amendment places the application in condition for allowance.

As amended the application contains 22 claims of which six are independent claims. Applicant previously paid for 29 claims and five independent claims. The Office is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee for the additional independent claim.

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Entry of this Amendment, reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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